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SUBJECT: ECOSOC 54 - ITEM 12, POPULATION

1. SUMMARY. UNFPA POPULATION RES RE ITS NEW AIMS AND PURPOSES APPROVED 35( US-0-8 ( SOVIET GROUP AND FOUR LATINS) BY ECOSOC ECONOMIC COMMITTEE LATE 14 MAY FOLLOWING CO- SPONSORS ACCEPTANCE FIVE AMENDMENTS THAT, ON BALANCE, STRENGTHENED RES, AND THE VOTING DOWN OF ELEVEN (FIVE BRAZILIAN, THREE SPANISH AND THREE RUSSION SPONSORED) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF TWO OTHERS (FRANCE AND SWEDEN) THAT WOULD HAVE SERVED BADLY DILUTE RES. FOUR HOUR SESSION ALSO FEATURED: 1) DECISION BY COMITE TO RECOMMEND TO PLENARY BUCHAREST AS SITE OF WPC; 2) ATTACK BY SWEDEN RE NEED FOR ECOSOC SETTING NEW AIMS AND PURPOSES FOR UNFPA PRIOR WPC; 3) SHARP CAUSTIC REBUTTAL TO SWEDISH STATE-MENT BY UK; 4) BEHIND THE SECEN ATTEMPTS (UNSUCCESSFUL) BY POPULATION DIVISION AND WHO TO LOBBY FOR AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE SEVERLY DELIMITED UNFPA'S SCOPE AND FREEDOM OF ACTION; AND 5) MASTERFUL JOB BY MALAYSIA SPOKESMAN FOR CO- SPONSORS IN FIELDING AMENDMENT PROPO-SALS AND STEERING LARGELY UNSCATHED RES TO APPROVAL. END SUMMARY.

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- 2. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF ECOSOC DECIDED BY CONSENSUS TO RECOMMEND TO PLENARY TO ACCEPT OFFER OF GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA TO HOST WPC IN BUCHARES AUGUST 5-16, 1974.
- 3. SPEAKERS ON UNFPA RES (E/AC.6/L.500/REV.2) ON MAY 14 WERE SWEDEN, UK, INDIA, EGYPT, FINLAND, DENMARK, SPAIN, FRANCE, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, ALGERIA AND MALAYSIA. SWEDEN. AFTER EXTENDED DISCOURSE ON UNTIME-LINESS OF SETTING NEW AIMS AND PURPOSES FOR UNFPA BEFORE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. WITHDREW ITS AMENDMENT DUE TO CO- SPONSORS' CONCESSION IN FINAL PREAMBULATORY PARA TAKING NOTE OF CONFERENCE. SAID SWEDEN WAS "STAUNCH SUPPORTER" OF UNFPA, SAW IT LARGELY AS A FINANCING INSTI-TUTION, AND FAVORED NORMALIZATIONOF UNFPA WITH GOVERNING COUNCIL AS STRONG INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY MONITORING ITS WORK. SAID UP TO FUND " TO MOTIVATE HIGHTER CONTRIBUTION" BY BETTER ADMINISTRATION. ANNOUNCED 1973 SWEDISH PLEDGE OF \$3 MILLION, UNDERLINING IT WAS "SAME AS LAST YEAR." SWEDEN ATTACKED THREE OF THE FOUR AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE UNFPA IN RES, SUBPARAS 1(A), (B) AND (D). SAID THEY ATTEMPT TO MAKE " UNLIMITED NORMATIVE SHIFT FROM ECOSOC TO UNFPA." SWEDISH DEL (WOLKENS) CONCLUDED PREPARED STATEMENT BY STATING ECOSOC WILL NOTBE ENHANCED IF NEW AIMS AND PURPOSES ADOPTED WITHOUT ITS IN- DEPTH CONSIDERA-TION OF THEM OVER TIME - SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH PRECEDED UNDP CONSENSUS
- 4. UK DEL RETORTED THAT PROPOSED AIMS AND PURPOSES ALREADY SUBJECT OF EIGHT- MONTH STUDY BY REVIEW COMMITTE OF UNFPA HEADED BY THE DISTINGUISHED SWEDISH ECONOMIST MICHANEK. SAID CONFUSING TO HIS DELEGATION TO HAVE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT NOW REJECT SO RUDELY RECOMMENDATIONS DEVISED WITH THE COOPERATION OF EXPERTS FROM MANY COUNTRIES. UK SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THERE WERE (A) THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO UNFPA, (B) THOSE WHOBENEFITED, AND (C) THOSE WHO DID NEITHER. HE FELT THE DONORS HAD A RIGHT TO INSIST ON GOOD MANAGEMENT OF UNFPA, BUT THAT THE BENEFICIARIES SHOULD BE THE MAJOR FORCE IN DETERMININGTHE AIMS AND PURPOSES. EGYPT IN TIMELY INTERVENTION PRAISED BY UNFPA AND THE DRAFT RES. FINLAND AND DENMARK WERE BOTH HIGHLY APPREHENSIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT RES DID NOT MAKE EXPLICIT THAT GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNDP WAS ALSO IN - PARALLEL MANNER" GC OF UNFPA; CO- SPONSOR

PHILIPPINES ASSURED THESE DELEGATIONS GA RES 3019 MADE THIS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR AND CO- SPONSORS AND RES ACCEPTED THIS WITH NO INTENTION IN ANY WAY UNDERMINE WHAT RES 3019 HAD DONE THIS REGARD.

- 5. BRAZIL MADE ANOTHER LENGTHY INTERVENTION ON MAY 14, PRESSING ITS AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT RES (FOR TEXT BRAZIL AMENDMENTS SEE USUN 1805) SPAIN ALSO TABLED AMENDMENTS ARGENTINA AND FRANCE PRESENTED ORAL AMENDMENTS. MALAYSIA REVIEWEDWHICH AMENDMENTS, OR VARIATIONS THEROF, WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CO- SPONSORS. ALL DELEGATIONS MAKING AMENDMENTS WERE GIVEN AT LEAST SOME SATISFACTION EXCEPT BRAZIL. THE MALAYSIAN DEL SAID THE "APPROACH AND OUTLOOK" OF THE BRAZILIANS AND THE CO- SPONSORS WERE TOO DIFFERENT TO RECONCILE IN THE RES. SAID HE VIEWEDBRAZIL AMENDMENTS AS COMPETING RES.
- 6. NEVERTHELESS, WHEN BRAZIL'S AMENDMENTS CAME UP FIRST FOR PARA BY PARA VOTE, THERE WAS SURPRISING STRENGTH FOR THE BELOW QUOTED CHAPEAU (ON WHICH A SEPARATE VOTE REQUESTED BY SWEDEN): "1. STATES THAT UNTIL SUCH TIME A DEFINITE DECISON IS TAKEN, IN THE LIGHT OF THE ADVICE OF WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, 1974, THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES WILL BE THE FOLLOWING": 15-20 (US)-7. SUBSEQUENT BRAZILIAN AMENDMENTS (SEE USUN 1805 FOR TEXT OF AMENDMENT) WERE ALL DEFEATED BY CONFORTABLE MARGINS. PARAS 1(A), 8-25-9; 1(B) 9-26-8; (C) 8-25-9; PARA E E E E E E E

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